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SUBJECT: SERBIAN DEMOCRATIC FORUM INAUGURATES ITS  
BUREAU FOR REFUGEES AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

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[1](#)1. ON MARCH 19, THE SERBIAN DEMOCRATIC FORUM (SDF) INTRODUCED TO THE PUBLIC ITS BUREAU FOR REFUGEES, HUMAN RIGHTS AND RIGHTS OF NATIONAL COMMUNITIES. THE CENTRAL BUREAU IS LOCATED IN ZAGREB. BRANCH OFFICES WILL BE OPENED SOON IN KARLOVAC, SISAK, RIJEKA AND PULA. LATER, AFTER THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES ON THE TERRITORY UNDER JNA OCCUPATION, SDF INTENDS TO OPEN BRANCH OFFICES IN THAT REGION, AS WELL AS SPLIT, ZADAR AND OSIJEK.

[1](#)2. APPROXIMATELY 40 PERSONS (INCLUDING CONSULATE FSN POL. ANALYST) ATTENDED THE PUBLIC OPENING OF THE BUREAU FOR REFUGEES. PRESIDENT OF SDF, MILORAD PUPOVAC, WELCOMED THE GUESTS, ESPECIALLY MS PATRICIA KOHL, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
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INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS. IN HIS SPEECH, PUPOVAC EXPRESSED HIS REGRET THAT ALTHOUGH INVITATIONS WERE SENT, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DID NOT COME TO THE RECEPTION.

[1](#)3. IN HIS SPEECH, PUPOVAC POINTED OUT THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT IS DRAWING THE WRONG CONCLUSION ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE BUREAU. HOWEVER, PUPOVAC HOPES THAT THIS WILL BE CORRECTED AND THE SDF BUREAU WILL BE ABLE TO COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. THE GOAL OF THE SDF BUREAU IS NOT TO CREATE A PARALLEL BODY TO THE GOVERNMENT OFFICE, BUT TO COOPERATE AND TO HELP. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE BUREAU IS TO COLLECT DATA ON REFUGEES, DISPLACED PERSONS AND PRISONERS IN ORDER TO PRESENT THEM TO LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANS. THEREFORE IT IS NECESSARY THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF MINORITIES, CROATIAN GOVERNMENT, EC AND UN BE REPRESENTED IN THE BUREAU.

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[1](#)4. THE SDF TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RELEASE THE FIRST ISSUE OF ITS BULLETIN IN WHICH CASES OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ARE MADE PUBLIC. THE BULLETIN INCLUDES A LIST OF NAMES OF MISSING PERSONS. THESE LISTS DO NOT APPLY ONLY TO SERBS, BUT TO ALL PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF THEIR NATIONALITY. (COPY OF BULLETIN BEING POUCHED TO EUR/EEY AND AMEMBASSY BEI4-§3).

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[1](#)5. MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU INTEND TO VISIT SOON BENKOVAC AND KNIN. THEY WOULD LIKE TO INVESTIGATE ON THE SPOT WAR CRIMES AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF CITIZENS OF CROATIAN NATIONALITY. THEY WOULD

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LIKE ALSO TO HELP WITH THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.  
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